AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A print driver executable on a user's personal computer responsive to a selection of a print option from any application program, the print driver comprising:

computer-executable code configured to receive output from an application program; and

computer-executable code configured to generate print output from the application program output, the print output conforming to a standardized markup scalable vector graphics (SVG) language.

wherein the scalable vector graphics (SVG) language is used to represent both text and image output received from the application program.

- 2. (Canceled)
- 3. (Currently Amended) A print driver according to Claim 1, wherein the application program output comprises is in the form of Graphic Device Interface (GDI) commands.
- 4. (Currently Amended) A print driver according to Claim 1, wherein the standardized markup scalable vector graphics (SVG) language permits a hierarchy of elements, wherein the computer-executable code configured to generate print output further comprises:

computer-executable code configured to track a state change associated with

a hierarchical level defined in the application program output and determine when to include the state change in the print output.

- 5. (Original) A print driver according to Claim 1, wherein the computer-executable code configured to generate print output further comprises:

 computer-executable code configured to cache at least one path element in the application program output and generate a corresponding path element in the print output when a paint path element is encountered in the application program output.
- 6. (Original) A print driver according to Claim 1, wherein the computer-executable code configured to generate print output further comprises: computer-executable code configured to convert absolute coordinates to physical lengths using a width and height viewbox designation in the print output.
- 7. (Original) A print driver according to Claim 1, wherein the computer-executable code configured to generate print output further comprises:

 computer-executable code configured to embed image data within an element definition of the print output.
- 8. (Currently Amended) A printer comprising:

 computer-executable code configured to receive print output conforming to

 a standardized markup scalable vector graphics (SVG) language, wherein

 the scalable vector graphics (SVG) language is used to represent both text and image print

output; and

computer-executable code configured to produce a print image using the print output.

- 9. (Canceled)
- 10. (Currently Amended) A method executable by a print driver executing on a user's personal computer and responsive to a selection of a print option from any application program, the print driver comprising:

a receiving step to receive output from an application program; and
a generating step to generate print output from the application program
output, the print output conforming to a standardized markup scalable vector graphics
(SVG) language,

wherein the scalable vector graphics (SVG) language is used to represent both text and image output received from the application program.

- 11. (Canceled)
- 12. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 10, wherein the application program output comprises is in the form of Graphic Device Interface (GDI) commands.
 - 13. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 10, wherein the

standardized markup scalable vector graphics (SVG) language permits a hierarchy of elements, wherein generating print output further comprises:

tracking a state change associated with a hierarchical level defined in the application program output and determine when to include the state change in the print output.

14. (Original) A method according to Claim 10, wherein generating print output further comprises:

storing at least one path element in the application program output and generating a corresponding path element in the print output when a paint path element is encountered in the application program output.

15. (Original) A method according to Claim 10, wherein generating print output further comprises:

converting absolute coordinates to physical lengths using a width and height viewbox designation in the print output.

16. (Original) A method according to Claim 10, wherein generating print output further comprises:

embedding image data within an element definition of the print output.

17. (Currently Amended) A method executable by a printer comprising: receiving print output conforming to a standardized markup scalable vector

graphics (SVG) language, wherein the scalable vector graphics (SVG) language is used to represent both text and image print output; and

producing a print image using the print output.

- 18. (Canceled).
- 19. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable memory medium in which computer-executable process steps are stored, the process steps for execution by a print driver and responsive to a selection of a print option from an application program, the process steps comprising:

a receiving step to receive output from an application program; and
a generating step to generate print output from the application program
output, the print output conforming to a standardized markup scalable vector graphics
(SVG) language,

wherein the scalable vector graphics (SVG) language is used to represent both text and image output received from the application program.

- 20. (Canceled)
- 21. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable memory medium according to Claim 19, wherein the application program output comprises is in the form of Graphic Device Interface (GDI) commands.

22. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable memory medium according to Claim 19, wherein the standardized markup scalable vector graphics (SVG) language permits a hierarchy of elements, wherein the generating step to generate print output further comprises:

a tracking step to track a state change associated with a hierarchical level defined in the application program output and determine when to include the state change in the print output.

23. (Original) A computer-readable memory medium according to Claim 19, wherein the generating step to generate print output further comprises:

a storing step to store at least one path element in the application program output and generating a corresponding path element in the print output when a paint path element is encountered in the application program output.

24. (Original) A computer-readable memory medium according to Claim 19, wherein the generating step to generate print output further comprises:

a converting step to convert absolute coordinates to physical lengths using a width and height viewbox designation in the print output.

25. (Original) A computer-readable memory medium according to Claim 19, wherein the generating step to generate print output further comprises:

an embedding step to embed image data within an element definition of the print output.

26. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable memory medium in which computer-executable process steps are stored, the process steps for execution by a printer, wherein the process steps comprise:

a receiving step to receive print output conforming to a standardized markup scalable vector graphics (SVG) language, wherein the scalable vector graphics (SVG) language is used to represent both text and image print output; and a producing step to produce a print image using the print output.

27. (Canceled)